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AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Sports Authority.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

1 ➔ Section 1. KRS 148.590 is amended to read as follows:

2 (1) There is created the Kentucky Sports Authority, which shall be attached to the
3 Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, Office of the Secretary, for administrative
4 purposes.

5 (2) The authority shall consist of fifteen (15) members, including the Lieutenant
6 Governor, the secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, the secretary of
7 the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, and twelve (12) members
8 appointed by the Governor. The members appointed by the Governor shall include
9 representatives of the Kentucky Racing Authority, the fish and wildlife community,
10 and the Kentucky Boxing and Wrestling Authority.

11 (3) The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as chairperson of the authority. Members shall
12 elect other officers as they deem necessary. Of the members initially appointed by
13 the Governor, one-third (1/3) shall serve a term of four (4) years, one-third (1/3)
14 shall serve a term of three (3) years, and one-third (1/3) shall serve a term of two (2)
15 years. All succeeding terms shall be for four (4) years.

16 (4) The secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet shall appoint an executive
17 director, with the prior written approval of the Governor, to head the authority. The
18 cabinet shall provide additional administrative support to the authority from the
19 cabinet's existing staff as necessary.

20 (5) The authority shall meet **no less than biannually**~~monthly~~ and at other times as
21 necessary, upon the call of the chairperson. Members shall be reimbursed for
22 expenses incurred in performing the authority's duties, functions, and
23 responsibilities.

24 (6) The authority's primary responsibility shall be to recruit, promote, assist, place, and
25 develop sporting events, facilities, attractions, and programs in the Commonwealth,

1 with the ultimate goal of developing commerce, the economy, job opportunities,
 2 and revenue streams. The authority's duties shall include but not be limited to the
 3 following:

4 (a) Lead efforts to attract national and regional sporting events to Kentucky by
 5 working with national, regional, and local sporting organizations~~[the~~
 6 ~~National Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Association of~~
 7 ~~Intercollegiate Athletics, the Professional Golf Association, the National~~
 8 ~~Football League, the National Basketball Association, the Professional~~
 9 ~~Bowlers Association, the Professional Tennis Tour, the National Association~~
 10 ~~for Stock Car Auto Racing, the United States Olympic Committee,~~
 11 ~~Bassmasters, and other nationally recognized organizations]~~;

12 (b) Work with communities to recruit professional franchises~~[toward~~
 13 ~~establishing professional franchises in Kentucky,]~~ and develop an overall
 14 strategic plan to recruit and retain all forms of professional and amateur
 15 sporting events to Kentucky~~[, including boxing, motor vehicle racing,~~
 16 ~~baseball, football, soccer, hockey, tennis, gymnastics, volleyball, and figure~~
 17 ~~skating]~~;

18 (c) Collaborate with communities to identify and propose improvements for
 19 sporting activity infrastructure, including opportunities for private and public
 20 partnership on infrastructure development; present for the Governor's approval
 21 any financial plan that would require state tax dollars to build new athletic
 22 facilities; and upon the Governor's approval of a proposed financial plan,
 23 present it to the General Assembly;

24 (d) Foster relationships between sporting event organizers and event sponsors,
 25 and between and among state agencies, and provide advice and direction for
 26 increasing the number and quality of sporting events;

27 (e) Evaluate various sports and sports-related activities and entities~~[, such as auto~~

1 racing, summer instructional camps for cheerleading, and sports agents,] and
 2 make written recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly
 3 ~~if [as to whether]~~ additional regulation, licensing, or taxing are necessary;

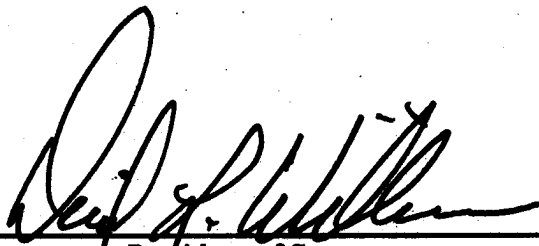
- 4 (f) ***Collaborate with communities and Kentucky athletes to develop programs to***
 5 ***promote youth wellness and awareness of the benefits of a healthy lifestyle;***
 6 ***and [Attempt to involve renowned Kentucky athletes in the war against drugs***
 7 ***and the promotion of the Governor's Wellness Initiative;]***

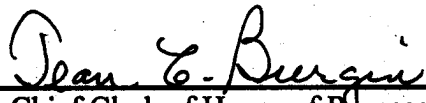
- 8 (g) ~~[Work with Kentucky Educational Television and other media outlets to~~
 9 ~~establish and develop a twenty four (24) hour television channel devoted to~~
 10 ~~promoting and highlighting healthy lifestyles, sports, and applicable~~
 11 ~~government programs, such as the state park system and the Department of~~
 12 ~~Fish and Wildlife Resources;~~

- 13 (h) Develop and recommend to the Governor, as necessary, legislation and
 14 administrative regulations to further the purposes of the authority, ***including***
 15 ***but not limited to the recruitment and maintenance of professional and***
 16 ***amateur sporting events, the facilitation of sporting participation by***
 17 ***Kentucky's citizens, the safe and ethical operation of sporting events, and***
 18 ***the fiscal impact of sporting events in the Commonwealth*** ~~[provide additional~~
 19 ~~professional and amateur participation by Kentucky's citizens, provide~~
 20 ~~adequate safety measures and ethical operations for sporting events, recruit~~
 21 ~~and maintain professional and amateur sporting events, and address the fiscal~~
 22 ~~and tax implications of the issues and activities of this section; and~~

- 23 (i) ~~Assume all duties, functions, responsibilities, records, equipment, and staff of~~
 24 ~~the Governor's Commission on Sports, Physical Activity, and Wellness~~
 25 ~~established under KRS 11.190, and establish a council titled the Council on~~
 26 ~~Sports, Physical Activity, and Wellness to implement these transferred~~
 27 ~~statutory responsibilities].~~


Speaker-House of Representatives


President of Senate

Attest: 
Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved 
Governor

Date March 30, 2010